

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

SPECIFICATION:

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[Fig. 2 is a drawing] Figs. 2A-C are drawings to illustrate change of the cross-sectional configuration of an active material-filled substrate in accordance with the method of manufacturing of the present invention.

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[Fig. 3 is a] Figs. 3A-C are cross-sectional views of a groove-formed substrate in an exemplary embodiment of the shape of a groove.

CLAIMS:

1 3. (Amended) The electrode for an alkaline storage battery of
2 claim 1[or claim 2], wherein the skeleton of the metal porous body in
3 contact with the in-groove active material layer does not have a fracture.

1 6. (Amended) The method of manufacturing an electrode for
2 an alkaline storage battery of claim 4[or claim 5], wherein the ratio of the
3 depth of the grooves to the thickness of the groove-formed substrate made by
4 forming grooves on one side of the active material-filled substrate is in the
5 range of 20% to 50%.

1 7. (Amended) The method of manufacturing an electrode for
2 an alkaline storage battery of [any one of claims] claim 4[to 6], wherein the
3 configuration of cross section cut perpendicular to a groove is one
4 comprising walls formed by the shape of two arcs and a flat bottom of the
5 groove parallel to the surface.

Claims 12-16 have been added.